MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

April 2022 – Our monthly MNS meeting for April will be held on Thursday, April 21, from 6 to 8 PM at the Mayfair Mall Community Room. The annual Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic will take place on Saturday, April 23. In May we will have our semi-annual auction. Safety precautions continue to be followed.

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The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings will be held from 6 to 8 PM in the Mayfair Mall community room on the third Thursday of each month, until further notice..

April Coin of the Month: **A stunning 1976-S silver drummer boy quarter, Proof 69 Ultra Cameo certified by NGC, will go to the highest bidder. The starting bid is only $27, which is about the cost of certification. A bargain by any standard!!**

April 2022 MNS President's Message

The month of April marks the 99th anniversary of National Coin Week, which officially runs April 17-23. The theme chosen by the ANA this year is "Dynamic Designs, Artistic Masterpieces." Although our Club has not formally done anything for NCW recently, I would encourage everyone to take this opportunity to celebrate the hobby of numismatics all month long. You can do this by ensuring that your ANA membership is up to date, passing out old coins or new coins of interest to people you meet, volunteering to give a lecture at a local historical society, or leaving your old coin periodicals in a public place for others to pick up and read (after being sure to remove your name and mailing address, of course).

Speaking of spreading the word of our hobby, later this month on April 23rd is the annual Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic. Please consider volunteering if you haven't yet signed up. We will still take volunteers at the next meeting, and if you are not sure you can even turn up to the event that morning at 7 AM and you will not be turned away. All you need to do is be there to check the Scouts in, grade their tests, and be a good representative to promote coin collecting. As always, all volunteers are treated to lunch afterwards.

At next month's May meeting we will be having our spring auction. Please start thinking now about getting your list of items together for timely submission to Leon so they can be published in the next newsletter.

As a regular reader of the eSylum newsletter that is sent out weekly by Wayne Homren of the Numismatic Bibliomania Society, I recently got hooked on the podcasts they have posted at their website. Currently 12 podcasts that cover a variety of very interesting topics can be found at the following web link: https://www.coinbooks.org/resources/podcast.html. If you have the time and interest I highly encourage you to listen to these, and of course if you are not signed up to receive the eSylum e-mails, you should certainly do that as well. It is free and very informative.

As discussed at the last meeting, the club will plan on renting a 15-passenger van for a trip to the ANA World's Fair of Money. This would be on our regular meeting date of August 18th, so there would be no meeting that evening. The reservation hasn't been made yet, but if you definitely plan on attending please let me know or sign up at the meeting when we pass around the sign-up sheet. There will only be 14 spots available, so seating will be first come, first served. More exact details will be forthcoming, but the trip will pretty much run from the same place and time as in previous years.

Happy Collecting,
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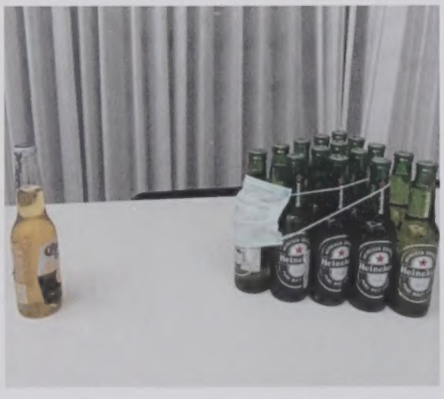

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Schedule

Monthly meetings for 2022 calendar year are ready to proceed as scheduled. Due to changes at Mayfair Mall, our meetings will run from 6:00-8:00 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

Monthly meeting programs

Jan 20:	General Business/Show & Tell
Feb 17:	Tom Casper: Presentation
March 17:	General Business/Show & Tell
April 21:	General Business/Show & Tell
May 19:	Spring Auction
June 16:	Show & Tell-Non Numismatic
July 21:	General Business/Show & Tell
Aug 18:	NO MEETING-ANA Show Bus
Sept 15:	Numismatic Trivia Game
Oct 20:	Autumn Auction
Nov 17:	Raffle Tickets Drawing
Dec 15:	Christmas Party/Bingo/Elections

Annual Dues

Dues for 2022 are $10. Please pay Treasurer Chris K. at the next meeting, or they can be mailed to **MNS, PO Box 26886, Wauwatosa, WI 53226-0886.** Thanks to those who have paid. Those who have not paid will be removed from the club's mailing list.

Random Information

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, and helpers to work at events. MNS will also reimburse refreshment expenses up to $60. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.613.9996 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make the club a success.

2022 Numismatic Events

April 10:	Appleton Coin Show Red Lion Paper Valley Hotel 333 W. College Ave. (9-4 PM)
Apr. 22-23:	SSCC Coin Show, Four Points Sheraton Airport
Apr. 23:	40th Annual MNS Scout Clinic at Four Points Sheraton Airport
April 24:	Green Bay Coin Show Stadium View Bar & Grill 1963 Holmgren Way (9-3 PM)
April 27-30:	CSNS Show, Schaumburg, IL
May 1:	Sheboygan Coin Club Show Lakeshore Lanes (9-3 PM) 2519 S. Business Dr.
Aug. 16-20:	ANA World's Fair of Money Rosemont, IL
Nov 13:	MNS Coin Show (9-4 PM) Sheraton Hotel Brookfield

Refreshment Schedule

Jan 20:	Don K.
Feb 17:	Open
March 17:	Jordan H.
April 21:	Dave Hunsicker
May 19:	Open
June 16:	Open
July 21:	Open
August 18:	NO MEETING
Sept 15:	Open
Oct 20:	Open
Nov 17:	Open
Dec 15:	Christmas Party

1973 Armenian Medal of 12th C church leader St. Nerses Shnorhali

Milwaukee Numismatic Society
Minutes March 17, 2022

The 1,025th meeting of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society was called to order by MNS President Justin Perrault at 6:02 pm, March 17, 2022 with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

In attendance were 15 members.

Door prizes were won by: Jim H, Justin P, Robert M, Adele V, Tom C, and Riley R.

The **"Coin of the Month"**, a United States USO silver dollar proof in original packaging. This coin was won by Steve for $59.

Treasurer's Report
The January 2022 financial report showed receipts of $118 and disbursements of $1,318.99 for a negative cash flow of $1,200.99.

On April 23 the 40th annual MNS scout clinic will be held. Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Leon S if you can help out.

ANA summer scholarships went granted to Bruce B and Chris K.

We will be taking a club bus to the ANA coin show which is scheduled for August at Rosemont, IL. Sign up for the bus will be in May.

As an update for local coin shows, the Waukesha Coin Show had 461 attendees.

Show and Tell
The following members presented at Show and Tell: Robert M – Morgan silver dollar; Jordan H – various Irish coins and one Chilean coin; Tom C – Taiwan 10 Yuan Note; Chris K – 1907 PF64 Liberty nickel & postcard; Bruce B –Irish "gun money" of James II; Dave H – History 1984; Adele V – Hobo nickels; Leon S – Armenian 1973 medals from Italy; Riley R – tokens; Howard T – 25 and 50 Koti Yalt; Paul K – 2022 proof quarters from US mint; Skip – Upper Canada 1850 Penny token.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respecfully submitted by Jim Heinrich, MNS Vice President

MNS Scouting Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic
Information for Volunteers

Date and time: April 23, 2022, Volunteers gather at 7 AM
Scouts gather at 8 AM. The program goes until about 12:30 PM.

Location: Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 5311 S. Howell Avenue, Conference Center entrance

Process: Scouts will check in and present their collections. Segments, using slides and video, will be presented on the basics of money and collecting, the state quarter program, mint marks, grading, and paper money. After each segment of the program, scouts will be quizzed on the content, present their quizzes for grading, and return to their seats for the next segment. The last segment will be a tour of the coin show bourse.

Volunteers: Several volunteers are needed. Some will be involved in making the presentations. More volunteers are needed to check in the scouts, approve their collections, direct them, pass out the quizzes, help with grading, and make final approvals.

Volunteers will enjoy complimentary donuts at the beginning of the day, and lunch at the conclusion of the program.

To volunteer, contact Leon at lasaryanphd@gmail.com.

A Selection of City-View Coins

by Lee Hartz #1219

During the days of the Holy Roman Empire (which had nothing to do with Rome), a free Imperial city was a city formally ruled by the emperor only – as opposed to the majority of cities in the Empire, which were governed by one of the many princes of the Empire (e.g. kings, dukes or prince-bishops) who were the emperor's vassals, nominal or actual, in varying degrees. Free Cities also had independent representation in the Reichstag (or Parliament) of the Empire. Thus, free Imperial cities remained outside the complex feudal structure of power, being answerable to the emperor directly (the concept of "imperial immediacy" as opposed to "feudal intermediacy"). The Holy Roman Empire was formally dissolved in 1806, during the period of the Napoleonic Wars.

There was distinction on paper made between Reichsstädte (Imperial Cities) and Freie Städte (free cities). Imperial Cities were those formally ruled by secular princes. As vassals of the Emperor, they paid taxes to the Emperor and had to supply troops for his military campaigns.

Free Cities were those formally ruled by a prince-bishop. They were not required to pay Imperial taxes or raise troops except during a Crusade and had other additional rights and privileges (which varied greatly among them). The Free Cities gained independence from their prince-bishops during the High Middle Ages. Examples are Basel (1000), Speyer (1111), Worms (1184), Mainz (1244, revoked 1462), Regensburg (1245), Strasbourg (1262) and Cologne (1288).

Nurnberg 1768

Regensburg 1782

But over time, the difference became more and more blurred, so that the "Free and Imperial Cities" were collectively known in the Diet as "Free Imperial Cities". What mattered more was the difference in wealth: rich cities, such as Lübeck or Augsburg, were genuinely self-ruling enclaves within the Empire. They waged war and made peace, controlled their own trade and permitted little interference from outside. In the later Middle Ages, many Free Cities formed Städtebünde (city leagues), such as the Hanseatic League. (Some members of these alliances were never Free Cities and joined with the permission of their territorial rulers.) According to Encyclopedia Britannica, a list drawn up in 1422 mentions 75 free cities, and another drawn up in 1521 mentions 84, but at the time of the French Revolution in 1789 the number had decreased to 51. Many of these free cities had the coinage right (the right to issue their own coins).

Frankfurt 1843

Frankfurt 1863

Most of these free cities were on rivers or a large body of water (lake, sea, etc.). Being on the water meant significant trading of goods with other cities, countries, etc.

A number of these free cities issued coins with a view of the city along the river. Most of these coins were talers. Some of these cities, however, also issued city view coins in other denominations, both silver and gold. These coins are popular with collectors.

In the 1700's and early 1800's, a taler was slightly larger than a U.S. silver dollar in diameter, but thinner. After about 1840, the taler was reduced in size, ending up slightly larger than a U.S. half dollar. After 1840, a double-taler was about the diameter of the 1700's taler, but about twice as thick.

Swiss Lausanne 1876

Swiss Fribourg 1881

Holy Roman Empire 16th Century